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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISSOURI COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE MANUAL UPDATED!!!!!!

The wait is over! The revised Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program Manual has been posted to the Missouri Center for Career Education website. The updated manual includes the Guidance and Placement Grade Level Expectations, a sample of the Internal Improvement Review document, updated Student Needs Survey, and many other things valuable to today's professional school counselor. To see the new manual, click on this link: [Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program Manual](#)

SUCCESSLINK HAS NEW DIRECTOR

SuccessLink held an open house on September 27, 2007 to welcome their new director, Dr. Sandra Pettit. Dr. Pettit came to SuccessLink from the North Kansas City School District. She worked with federal programs and was the lead author of many funded grants in NKCS. Sandra is also Missouri's representative on the board of directors for the National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators.

A program used to facilitate collaboration among teachers is free access to lesson plans and units for teachers. Educators, or groups of teachers, submit their unit plans to SuccessLink. Units that meet the criteria are placed on the website as a resource for teachers. Monthly, published units are chosen to receive a cash award. Lesson submissions will reopen October 15th. Counselors are encouraged to consider submitting lessons as well.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

GENDER EQUITY LESSONS POSTED

A collection of about 30 sample lessons for elementary students on gender equity in careers were recently posted to the MCCE website. To access the lessons, go to <http://missouricareereducation.org/for/equity/lessons.html>

DATABASE OF PRACTICE TESTS AVAILABLE FROM MORENET

Funded through a special appropriation to the State Library, MOREnet now offers an online database of practice tests.

Learning Express provides test preparation materials designed for all ages (elementary students through adults), providing instant scoring and customized feedback. The practice tests address college and graduate school entrance exams, elementary, middle and high school skills improvement, math, reading, and writing skills improvement, GED, Advanced Placement, and more. To access the Learning Express Library, register (for free) at: <http://www.learningexpresslibrary.com>.

NEW RESOURCES AT THE MISSOURI CENTER FOR CAREER EDUCATION LIBRARY (RESOURCES@MCCE)

1. [The Tough Kid Tool Box](#)
2. [Hot Tips for Classroom Management](#)
3. [Student-Centered Learning](#)

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4. [201 Icebreakers, Group Mixers, Warm-Ups, Energizers and Playful Activities](#)
5. [Project-Based Learning](#)
6. [Academics & CTE at a Crossroads](#)
7. [A Roadmap for Recovery: Gene Bottoms on High Schools That Work](#)
8. [Designing Performance Assessments for Learning](#)
9. [Instructional Strategies: How to Teach for Rigor and Relevance](#)
10. [Career Clusters Awareness Activities for K-6](#)

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

REMINDER CONCERNING BRIGHT FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Missouri Department of Higher Education has announced that the qualifying score on the ACT will be 31. The qualifying scores on the SAT will be 790 in math and 780 on the verbal test, rather than the 780 in math and 780 in verbal required previously.

Seniors who have already taken the ACT and received a 30 have been notified by letter of the new requirement. Those seniors have to retake the test and achieve the 31 score by June.

GUIDE TO ENCOURAGING GIRLS IN MATH AND SCIENCE AVAILABLE

A National Center for Education Research (NCER) Practice Guide is now available. It is the second in a series of Institution of Education Sciences (IES) guides in education. Developed by a panel of experts, this guide brings together the best available evidence and expertise to provide educators with specific and coherent evidence-based recommendations on how to encourage girls in the fields of math and science. The objective is to provide teachers with specific recommendations that can be carried out in the classroom without requiring systemic change. Other school personnel having direct contact with students, such as coaches, counselors, and principals may also find the guide useful. The guide offers five recommendations and indicates the quality of the evidence that supports the recommendations. Together, the recommendations make a coherent statement: To encourage girls in math and science, educators need to strengthen girls' beliefs about their abilities in math and science, spark and maintain greater interest in these subject areas, and build associated skills. To see the guide, go to

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/practiceguides/>

WEBSITE HELPS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN LEARNING ABOUT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Since its creation in 2001, the Department of Education College Opportunities Online (COOL) website has helped hundreds of thousands of students and families learn about colleges and universities. Now, COOL's successor, called College Navigator and located at <http://collegenavigator.ed.gov> offers consumers even more information in an easy-to-use format.

College Navigator is a free consumer information tool designed to help students, parents, high school counselors, and others get information about nearly 7,000 postsecondary institutions in the United States. It offers a wide range of information previously found on COOL -- such as programs offered, retention and graduation rates, prices, aid available, degrees awarded, campus safety, and accreditation. However, College Navigator offers users valuable new information about colleges and universities, and it does so in a way that is vastly more user-friendly. To visit it, use the link listed above.

HOW IS THIS FOR NON-TRADITIONAL?

On Sunday September 22, Herndon Career Center Staff, Students, and Alumni attended and participated in the "High School Drags" at the Kansas City International Raceway (KCIR). Highlights included Nathan Shipley, Diesel instructor, racing a custom built 2001 Harley Davidson to a best time of 11.77 @ 123 mph and Brian Wise, Welding instructor, racing a 2001 Mercedes CLK 55 AMG to a best time of 13.85 @ 102 mph.

But the highlight of the day was the Class 3 "Drags" (auto racing) victory of one of Herndon's very own students. Mychelle Hix, Diesel and Heavy Machinery Mechanics, won first place! Ms.Hix's prize earnings included \$6000 in scholarships, a racing coat, and an impressive first place trophy presented by the Kansas City International Raceway.

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{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

TEEN RETREAT SCHEDULED-PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 15

A Teen Retreat will be held in November for teens 13-17 who have a loved one in the Army National Guard, Army Reserves or Active Duty Army.

This teen retreat will be in Wyandotte County, KS, due to a teaming of Missouri and Kansas Operation: Military Kids groups for this event. Operation: Military Kids is a program run through the USDA Army Youth Development Project, a collaboration of the US Army Child and Youth Services and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, US Department of Agriculture through Auburn University. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 15.**

For more information and/or to obtain registration materials, contact Joan Zeller, 4-H Youth Development Programs, Operation: Military Kids, University of Missouri Extension, Phone: 660-747-3193; E-mail: zellerj@missouri.edu

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE FOR COUNSELORS

The Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) has updated its website. The website now offers a great deal of information on upcoming events, current practices of/guidelines for counselors, valuable information for counselors-in-training, and so much more. To visit it, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/MSCA/>

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. SEMINAR SCHEDULED

The American Counseling Association of Missouri (ACAM) and Missouri Baptist University are hosting an outstanding Solution Focused Counseling seminar on Oct. 27. Both speakers have international reputations and Linda Metcalf will be specifically addressing school issues. Email vanvaughn@mobap.edu for registration forms and/further information.

B. THE MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING will be held on Nov. 1-3, 2007 at Tan-Tar-A. For more information, go to <http://www.mmhca.net/>

C. THE MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE will be held November 4-6, 2007 at Tan Tar A. A conference preview is posted at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConferencePreview.pdf>.

D. THE 14TH ANNUAL BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE will be held November 11-13, 2007 at Tan Tar A. Registration is now open for the 2007 Building Bridges Conference. Keynote speakers for this year's conference are Dr. Gene Bottoms, Senior Vice-President for the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), and Dr. Willard Daggett, President of the International Center for Leadership in Education. For further information or to register, go to [HTTP://MISSOURICAREEREDUCATION.ORG/PD/CONFERENCE07.HTML](http://MISSOURICAREEREDUCATION.ORG/PD/CONFERENCE07.HTML)

E. ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) ANNUAL CONVENTION will be held in Las Vegas NV on December 13-15, 2007. For information about the conference, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/>

F. MSCA SPRING CONFERENCE will be held on March 7, 2008, at the Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, MO. To see updated information about this conference as it becomes available, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

G. 2008 MISSOURI ACT STATE ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held on March 12-13 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, Mo. For information about the conference and registration, go to www.act.org/events

H. THE 32ND ANNUAL MISSOURI MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (MMSA) CONFERENCE will be held on March 14-16, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. For information, go to <http://www.mmsa-mo.org/conference.html>

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